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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Monday, the 2nd August 1965

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKA VELU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Anti-Hindi agitation

* 21 *Q.*—SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons who were arrested on Republic Day in connection with the Anti-Hindi agitation;

(*b*) the party affiliations of persons arrested; and

(*c*) the names of Members of the Madras Legislature and Parliament who were arrested in this regard?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) 2,311.

(*b*) 2,294 persons were members and sympathisers of the D.M.K. and 17 persons were members of 'We Tamils'.

(*c*) The following are the names of the Members of Parliament and the State Legislature who were arrested:—

1. Sri D. Ramabadran, M.P.
2. Sri Rajaram, M.P.
3. Sri R. Muthu, M.P.
4. Sri C. N. Annadurai, M.P.
5. Sri R. Chezhian, M.P.
6. Sri R. Dharmalingam, M.P.
7. Sri K. Manoharan, M.P.
8. Sri Sivasankaran, M.P.
9. Sri C. G. Viswanathan, M.L.A.
10. Sri Munu Adhi, M.L.A.
11. Sri V. Krishnamoorthy, M.L.A.
12. Sri A. Thangavelu, M.L.A.
13. Sri N. Rajangam, M.L.A.
14. Sri A. Durai Arasan, M.L.A.
15. Sri M. Karunanidhi, M.L.A.
16. Sri T. Thiagaraja Kaduvatti, M.L.A
17. Sri T. P. Alagamuthu, M.L.A.
18. Sri M. S. Mani, M.L.A.

19. Sri Anbil Dharmalingam, M.L.A.
20. V. R. Nedunchezhian, M.L.A.
21. Sri S. Madhavan, M.L.A.
22. Sri P. U. Shanmugham, M.L.A.
23. Sri S. Murugiah, M.L.A.
24. Sri R. Sampangi, M.L.A.
25. Sri Pulavar Govindan, M.L.A.
26. Sri Kanchi Manimoziyar, M.L.A.
27. Sri Rama Arangannal, M.L.A.
28. Sri K. A. Madhiazhagan, M.L.A.
29. Sri S. S. Rajendran, M.L.A.
30. Sri K. Anbazhagan, M.L.C.
31. Sri C. P. Chitrarasu, M.L.C.
32. Sri K. R. Ramaswami, M.L.C.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : May I know the reasors for these arrests?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I think the hon. Member has given the reasons in this question.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Were these Members arrested only when they were actively taking part in the Anti-Hindi agitation or in prevention of it?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mostly these arrests were made as a preventive measure.

DR. H. V. HANDE : How many were arrested in the night on 25th January 1965?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not have that data.

திரு. க. அன்பழகன் : தலைவர் அவர்களே, குடியரசு நாளில் நடைபெறவிருந்த துக்கநாள் கூட்டத்தில் பேசுவதாக இருந்தவர்களைத் தவிர சம்பந்தப்படாதவர்களையும் கைது செய்து இருக்கிறார்கள். அப்படி சம்பந்தப்படாதவர்களைக் கைது செய்ததற்கு அரசாங்கம் என்ன காரணம் கூறுகிறது?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம் : அரசாங்கம் போதிய காரணத்தோடுதான் அவர்களைக் கைது செய்திருக்கிறார்கள். அவ்வளவுதான் நான் சொல்ல முடியும்.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Many of the Members were arrested at midnight. What is the reason for it?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : If certain people were arrested in the night, the idea was to prevent any action on their part on the subsequent day.

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திரு. க. அன்பழகன் : தலைவர் அவர்களே, கைது செய்யப்பட்டவர்கள் எல்லாம் பின்னர் எத்தனை நாள் கழித்து விடுதலை செய்யப்பட்டார்கள். தேவையான காலத்திற்கு மேல் தொடர்ந்து அவர்களைக் காவலில் வைத்ததற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம் : எவ்வளவு நாள் வைக்கவேண்டுமோ அதுவரையில் வைக்கப்பட்டு இருப்பார்கள். எத்தனை நாள் பொறுத்து அவர்கள் விடுதலை செய்யப்பட்டார்கள் என்பதற்குத் தனியாகக் கேள்வி போடவேண்டும்.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Is it a fact that though the Government gave an assurance that they would not be unnecessarily arrested and that they would not be prevented from holding meetings, they arrested them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I am not aware of any such assurance.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. Minister tell us whether there is not any provision either in the Criminal Procedure Code or in any other law to arrest these people for such things as participation in the Anti-Hindi agitation which are minor in nature?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is a matter for argument before a Court of Law if there is any case.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Are the Government aware that such indiscriminate arrest of the Opposition Members is very, very derogatory to the democratic principle of Parliamentary Opposition?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not accept there were any indiscriminate arrests.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : In a democratic State where we are supposed to be ruling in a democratic manner, if some people feel that the introduction of Hindi is detrimental to their interests, in what way do the Government expect them to express their feelings?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Hon. Members may have their own conceptions of a democratic State.

Grant to meet the salaries of teachers

* 22 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of aided secondary schools in the State in which the total amount of Government grant for payment of salaries to staff falls short of the total amount of salaries paid to teachers as entered in their service registers;

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Tuesday, the 3rd August 1965.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Hindi Books

* 31 *Q.*—SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Hindi books supplied by the Central Government to the schools in the State free of cost in the year 1963–64;

(*b*) the estimated cost thereof; and

(*c*) the mode of distribution?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM. (*a*) 4,625 Hindi books have been received by the Director of Public Instruction from the Government of India during 1963–64 for free distribution to Educational Institutions in this State.

(*b*) Not known.

(*c*) All the books have been handed over to the Inspecting Officers for distribution among selected High Schools in their jurisdiction.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: May I know, Sir, what other help the Centre is extending to the State for spreading Hindi in our State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, the hon. Member may put a separate question.

DR. H. V. HANDE: Sir, what is the difficulty of the Government in finding out the cost of the books? It could be easily ascertained.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, we are not interested in estimating the cost, because the books were distributed free of cost to us by the Government of India.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Are the books intended only for learning Hindi or are they books dealing with other subjects?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: These are books which can be used profitably in the schools.

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DR. H. V. HANDE : The question specifically wants to elicit the estimated cost thereof. Either the question has to be disallowed or an answer given, Sir. Is it not?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It is a question relating to the admissibility of the question, which has to be put to the Chairman as to why he admitted the question. Regarding the estimated cost, the cost was incurred by the Government of India, and how can we know that?

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : I would like to know, Sir, whether these books are useful only for teaching Hindi to high school students or for learning Hindi or whether they are useful for learning any other subjects.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, these are Hindi books and these should enable not only the students but also the teachers to be equipped in Hindi.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : May I know whether our Government supply Hindi books free of cost?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Do the Central Government distribute Hindi books to any other State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not think so, Sir.

Security of service for teachers

*32 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNOMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to provide security of service for teachers in aided institutions in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There is no proposal to make any further provision for the security of service of teachers in aided institutions in the State, as there are already adequate safeguards in the rules providing security of service to teachers in aided institutions.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : What are the rules now in force, Sir?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member may put a separate question.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : The present rules allow the managements to terminate the services of the teacher especially at the age of 50—at the fag end of their services. When I brought in a private Bill called the 'Teacher Protection Bill' the Government gave an assurance that they themselves would bring in a separate Bill affording security of service to teachers. May I know what happened to it, Sir?

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know the duration of the course?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is what I had indicated just now.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Who are all eligible for this course?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Teachers working in colleges are eligible for this.

Grade II Tamil Pandits

* 35 *Q.*—SRI M. SANKARALINGAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the minimum qualification required for Grade II Tamil Pandits;

(*b*) whether a pass in the Madurai Tamil Sangam Examination is recognized; and

(*c*) the procedure to be adopted when persons with the minimum qualifications are not available?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Oriental Title with Pandit's or Secondary Grade Training.

(*b*) Yes; for purposes of appointments to non-Government Schools.

(*c*) Pandits possessing Oriental Title may be appointed on a temporary basis but such temporary appointments will be terminated when qualified persons become available.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact that untrained Tamil Pandits qualified otherwise in Tamil are being sent out at the end of each year by the managements or District Boards?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : If they are untrained they will be sent out because they are appointed on a temporary basis.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Have the Government any proposal before them to depute them for training at the cost of the Government and see that they get trained?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have no such information. The hon. Member may put a separate question.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Is there a proposal to extend the period for which the untrained teachers could be employed by educational institutions, say, from three to five years?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not think so, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Have the Government any scheme to give special encouragement to Tamil Pandits with regard to the teaching of Tamil through these Tamil Pandits as in the case of Hindi?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not understand what he hon. Member means by a special scheme of encouragement being given to improve Tamil teaching and encouraging Tamil teachers.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : As there is difficulty in getting trained teachers in all subjects, will the Government extend the period of employment of untrained teachers from three years to five years?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No. Sir. The Government do not think it should be difficult to get trained teachers for a period of three to five years.

திரு. எம். சங்காலிங்கம் பிள்ளை : தலைவர் அவர்களே, தமிழ் பி.எ. படித்தவர்கள் செகண்டரி கிரேடு ஆசிரியர்களாக இருக்க அனுமதிக்கப்படுகிறார்களா?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம் : ஓரியண்டல் டைட்டில், செகண்டரி கிரேடு பயிற்சி இரண்டும் வேண்டும். அவை இரண்டும் அவசியமென்று கருதப்படுகிறது.

திரு. எம். சங்கரலிங்கம் பிள்ளை : ஓரியண்டல் டைட்டில் என்றால் தமிழ் வித்வான். கோள பல்கலைக்கழக தமிழ் வித்வானை நியமிக்கிறார்களா? அப்படி நியமிக்காமல் கன்னியாகுமரி மாவட்டத்தில் பல தடைகள் இருப்பது அமைச்சருக்குத் தெரியுமா?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம் : அதைப்பற்றி தனியாகக் கேள்வி கேட்க வேண்டும்.

Madras General Sales Tax Act.

* 36 Q.—SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state : —

(*a*) who is responsible to give clarifications on the matter of levying sales tax on several items and the percentages noted against them in the Schedule to the Madras General Sales Tax Act;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that in the Department there is undue delay in giving clarifications for the requests made by individuals and associations to clarify the rate of tax; and

(*c*) the steps the Government have taken to expedite the reply and clarify the position?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Neither the Government nor the Board nor any Officer of the Commercial Taxes Departmnet can purport to clarify or interpret the provisions of an Act. It is essentially a function pertaining to the domain of the various authorities constituted under the Act and the law Courts.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

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Development of Tamil language

*121 *Q.*—SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any grant is given to the State Government by the Government of India towards the development of Tamil language during 1963–64; and

(*b*) if so, the amount given?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Yes;

(*b*) Rs. 37,800.

திரு. க. அன்பழகன்: தலைவர் அவர்களே, இந்தத் தொகை தமிழ் வளர்ச்சிக்கு எந்த முறையில் பயன்படுத்தப்படுகிறது. மாநில அரசாங்கம் செய்கிற செலவில் இது ஒரு பகுதியாக ஏற்கப் படுகிறதா?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: With your permission, Sir, I would like to give some details about these schemes. Under this scheme of aid offered by the Central Government and the State Government various items of development such as preparation and publication of encyclopaedias, books of knowledge, bilingual dictionary, popular books on science and culture, old manuscripts or rare books, etc., have been recognised. Institutions engaged in similar activity for the development of modern languages will be eligible for assistance from the Government of India. The Central assistance will generally be limited to 50 per cent of the expenditure incurred by the State Governments and/or Institutions concerned on approved schemes but in special cases the grant may be raised even up to hundred per cent subject to availability of funds. State Governments will be at liberty to recommend grants to private institutions and in such cases, the Central grant will be equal to the assistance by the State Government. During the year 1962–63 the following schemes were recommended to the Government of India for financial aid under the above scheme:—

(1) Compilation and publication of Children's encyclopaedia in Tamil by the Tamil Academy, Madras.

(2) Scheme for the preparation and publication of authentic History of Tamil people.

(3) Publication of an English-Tamil Dictionary under the auspices of the University of Madras.

(4) Bringing out lucid commentaries for all Sangam Classics by the Madras Presidency Tamil Sangam.

(5) Preparation of a Dictionary in Tamil on Historical principles under the Auspices of the Annamalai University.

Out of the above five schemes recommended, the Government of India agreed to sanction financial assistance only to two schemes, that is, (1) and (2).

The estimated cost of the first scheme, that is, compliation and publication of children's encyclopaedia is Rs. 11.43 lakhs. Towards this project, the Government of India have sanctioned the payment of a grant of Rs. 5.5. lakhs or one half of the actual expenditure, whichever is less. Grant is payable in instalments. Out of the sanctioned sum, a sum of Rs. 30,000 was released as first instalment in the year 1963–64.

Towards the second scheme approved, that is, the bringing out of lucid commentaries of Sangam classics, the Government of India have agreed to meet 50 per cent of the actual expenditure incurred by the Sangam, and sanctioned the payment of a sum of Rs. 7,800 to the Sangam on the basis of expenditure of Rs. 15,600 for the year 1963–64. They have also sanctioned the second instalment of Rs. 7,800 for the year 1964–65.

As against this Government share towards these schemes, this Government have sanctioned the payment of a grant of Rs. 2,00,000 or 25 per cent of the actual expenditure whichever is less, for the compilation and publication of a children's encyclopaedia in Tamil by the Tamil Academy.

Towards the scheme of bringing out lucid commentaries for Sangam classics, this Government have agreed to sanction 25 per cent of the actual expenditure incurred by the Sangam and sanctioned the payment of Rs. 7.800 during the two years 1963–64 and 1964–65.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : What is the total amount our State Government spent for the development of Tamil?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : As and when the schemes are accepted and sanctioned, the Government incur expenditure annually. I do not have figures as to the total amount.

திரு. க. அன்பழகன் : தலைவர் அவர்களே, அரசாங்கத் துறையில் தமிழ் மொழியை ஆட்சிமொழியாக ஆக்குவதற்கு ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிற டைரக்டர் புதிய நிறுவனரின் அமைப்பு எந்தெந்த அடிப்படையில் அமைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது? அந்த அமைப்பு மூலமாக நடைபெறுகிற பல வளர்ச்சிச் செலவுகளுக்கு மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தின் உதவி கிடைக்குமா?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம் : மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தின் உதவி இப்போது நான் தெரிவித்த விவரப்படி சில கட்டங்களில் கிடைக்கிறது. அத்தோடு தமிழ் டெவலப்மென்ட் டைரக்டரேட் கவனிக்கும். நாமே புத்தகங்களை போடுகிறோம்.

தமிழ் வளர்ச்சிக் கழகம் என்று வைத்து பிரசுரிக்கிறோம். அதற்கு 10 லட்சம் ரூபாய் ஒதுக்கி வைத்திருக்கிறோம். இதுவரையில் 70 புத்தகங்களுக்குமேல் போடப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. மேலும் புத்தகங்கள் அதிகமாகவும் வேகமாகவும் வெளியிடப்படும்.